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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 6-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over CRAIG (2,599,093).

CRAIG teaches producing pulp in the production of a fiber web, e.g. paper (column 2, lines 16-23), by loading the pulp fiber, e.g. bleached and refined sulfite or sulfate pulp (column 2, lines 24-35) with calcium carbonate by way of a chemical precipitation (column 2, lines 48-57); and drying the pulp into rolls or laps (bales) for storage and shipment (column 4, lines 62-68). See column 4, lines 50-56 for drying to a moisture content of 5-10% (dry content of 90-95%). If necessary it is obvious the fiber of CRAIG can be a pulp as column 2, lines 24-35 teaches that the fibers include papermaking pulps. Claim 12 is rejected, as chemical pulping is a cooking operation.

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over CRAIG (2,599,093) as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of DRUMMOND (6,602,385) or PITKANEN et al (6,436,238).

CRAIG teaches that the pulp may be bleached (column 2, line 29). PITKANEN teaches making filled pulp from peroxide bleached mechanical pulp (column 4, lines 26-38 and column 6, lines 10-19). It would have been obvious to use peroxide to bleach the pulp of CRAIG prior to adding the calcium carbonate as such is taught by PITKANEN et al. Or DRUMMOND teaches peroxide bleaching (column 2, lines 59-67) pulp filled with

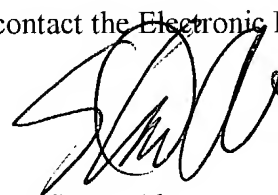
calcium carbonate. It would have been obvious to brighten the calcium carbonate filled pulp of CRAIG by bleaching with peroxide in the manner taught by DRUMMOND.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steve Alvo whose telephone number is 571-272-1185.

The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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